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1. The Stalin Canal passes through the Tungudskiy Rayon area in a south to north direction, and in so doing it passes through two large lakes formed by regulation of the flow of the Vyg River. To the north of the lakes, about two to three kilometers from the Tunguda railroad station, there is lock No. 12 of the canal. The area is otherwise forest and marshland.
2. The canal between locks No. 12 and No. 13 lies to the right of the bed of the Vyg River. The canal is excavated, about 50 meters wide, and the banks are revetted with stone.
3. Lock No. 13 lies near the village of Letniy 1, about one kilometer from the brickyard. The canal continues farther in the bed of the Vyg River. 25X1
4. The locks are known to have been repaired in late 1949 or early 1950. There has not been any work on the locks in this district since then. 25X1
5. The condition of the canal, and especially of the locks, is kept as secret as possible. There is no watch along the canal, but the locks are strongly guarded day and night by a small garrison, presumably of about 20 men, stationed at each lock area. There is a restricted area around each lock, and a propusk (pass) is required for entry. The propusk is issued by the directorate of the Baltic-White Sea Canal, but there are about 20 houses at lock No. 12 and about 7 to 10 houses at lock No. 13. 25X1

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6. Lock No. 12 is connected with Tunguda railroad station by a good, wide road, diked against the water. At the lock-gate, on the Tunguda side, there is a guard post which overlooks both sides of the canal. There are only two guard posts; the other is at the other lock-gate, about 50 to 100 meters from the first. There is a narrow footbridge over the lock-gate. Inside the lock area, unauthorized intruders risk being shot without warning. Source estimates the width of the locks at 10 to 15 meters; they are operated by a visible wheel, ordinarily by hand-power, though source cannot be sure of this. There is no machine house at the lock-gates, [redacted]

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7. [redacted] all types of ships pass, tugboats with barges, rafts, passenger ships, etc. [redacted]

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[redacted] during the war, naval vessels passed from north to south, [redacted]

1. [redacted] Comment: It is not clear from the text which of the two lock-gates has the footbridge.

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